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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of June 11 thru June 17, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 855 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

BASEMENT FIRE - On June 11 at 4:59 a.m. on the 800 block of Jackson Street the owner was asleep in his home when he smelled smoke. With significant smoke throughout the home, he was unable to descend the stairs so he climbed onto the second story window onto his porch roof. Firefighters assisted him down via a ground ladder. They found the fire in the basement and quickly extinguished it fire. The fire was caused by the storage of combustible materials too close to the water heater in the basement. Damage is estimated at \$20,000.

- This fire proves exactly why it is essential that you have at least 2 ways out of any room used for sleeping.
- One exit must be a door; the other exit can be a window that has at least 5 square feet of opening in existing homes.
- In recent years, several Saint Paul residents have died because they had no escape window from their bedrooms, and several other resident survived because they DID have large enough windows to escape through or be rescued from by firefighters.



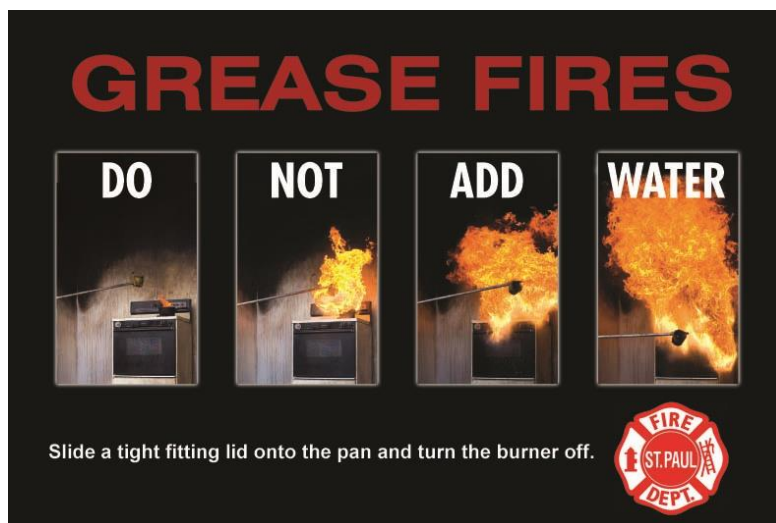
Because he had an escape window from his second floor bedroom, the resident was able to escape his smoke-filled house onto the porch roof where firefighters rescued him down a ladder.

ARSON - On June 11 at 3:46 p.m. on the 600 block of Waseca Street firefighters extinguished a smoldering brush fire that was intentionally set by two youths. There was no property damage.

MOTOR CYCLE ACCIDENT – On June 13 at 10:14 p.m. on Maria Avenue and Plum Street, a 55 year old man struck a sign while riding his motorcycle. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

STABBING - On June 14 at 2:08 p.m. on the 600 block of Ivy Avenue East, a 17 year old girl was laying on the couch when she rolled onto the knife and it stabbed her. Paramedics treated and transported her to a nearby hospital.

BURNS - On June 15 at 6:45 p.m. on the 1200 block of Reaney Avenue a 31 year old woman sustained burns from a grease fire she tried to extinguished by trying to remove the pan from the kitchen when the grease spilled on her.



HEATING ELEMENT FIRE - On June 16 at 8:45 a.m. on the 400 block of Fillmore Street, firefighters were dispatched at the request of the owner to check on an extinguished fire at their commercial building. There was a small flame on a heating element for an extruding machine, which they extinguished by themselves with a CO2 extinguisher. The flame was too small to activate the overhead sprinkler or alarm system. Damage is estimated at \$1,000.

VEHICLE FIRE - On June 17 at 6:31 a.m. on Judson Avenue and Stevens Street in Falcon Heights an engine company was dispatched to a vehicle fire. They found a pickup with an engine compartment fire next to a State Fair building. They extinguished the fire and found no extension to the building. Damage is estimated at \$6,000.



STORMS – During the height of the thunderstorms on Saturday, June 14, firefighters and paramedics responded to 60 calls in just two hours. Most of those calls were for wires that had dropped down from their poles, usually knocked down by fallen tree branches. There was not significant damage and no injuries from the fallen wires.

- **Always remember to consider any fallen wire to be “hot”, or energized, and CALL 9-1-1. Do not attempt to handle it yourself. You might get electrocuted.**